

Service Folder



Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Emmanuel is a liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation, in communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA). We believe that the Bible is the very Word of God, inspired and without any errors. We confess the truth of Scripture according to the Lutheran Book of Concord of 1580, without exception or reservation. We observe the calendar of the traditional Church Year and follow the Historic Lectionary. We celebrate the Divine Service (also known as the Mass) every Sunday and on other festivals, and we welcome visitors to hear God's Word with us.



With regard to Holy Communion, we ask our visitors to respect our practice of *closed Communion*, which means that only communicant members of our congregation or of other congregations in communion with us are invited to commune at the Lord's Table here, after they have been examined and absolved. Classes are offered throughout the year by the pastor so that those who are interested in joining our Communion fellowship have the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and our confession of it.

The Order of Service is *The Order of Holy Communion* (page 15) from *The Lutheran Hymnal* (TLH). The Propers (the parts that change from week to week) are noted on the following page of this Service Folder.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Sun., Sept. 20 - Sunday School / Bible class, 9 AM
- Divine Service 10:15 AM (Trinity 15)

Daily Lectionary for the Week of Trinity 14:

	MORNING	EVENING
Mon	1 Tim. 6:1-21	Is. 6:1-13
Tue	2 Tim. 1:1-18	Amos 7:7-17
Wed	2 Tim. 2:1-26	2 Kings 16:1-20
Thu	Titus 1:1-16	2 Kings 17:1-23
Fri	Titus 2:1-10	2 Kings 18:1-37
Sat	Titus 2:15-3:3	2 Kings 19:1-37

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #33 - *The Lord Hath Helped Me Hitherto*

HYMN (after the Creed)

TLH #25 - *I Will Sing My Maker's Praises*

HYMN (after General Prayer)

TLH #417 - *How Can I Thank Thee, Lord*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TLH #315 - *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

Epistle: *Galatians 5:16-24*

Gospel: *Luke 17:11-19*

The Order of Holy Communion begins on p. 15 of The Lutheran Hymnal.

THE INTROIT (after general Absolution)

Psalm 84:9-10; Psalm 84:1

- P** (Antiphon) O GOD, behold our shield, and look upon the face of
Your a- | nointed. *
- For a day in Your courts is better | than a thousand.



- C** How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord | of hosts! *
- My soul longs, yes, even faints for the | courts of the Lord;

GLORIA PATRI (p.16): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- P** (Antiphon)

The service continues with The Kyrie, p. 17.

THE GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH (after the Epistle)

Psalm 92:1-2; 65:1

- P** It is good to give thanks to | the Lord, *
- And to sing praises to Your | name, O Most High;
- C** To declare Your lovingkindness in the | morning, *
- And Your faithful- | ness every night.
- P** Alle- | luia! *
- Al- | — leluia!
- C** Praise is awaiting You, O God, in | Zion; *
- And to You the vow shall be performed. | Alleluia!

The service continues with The Triple Hallelujah & The Gospel, p.21 in the hymnal.

from the *Formula of Concord: SD: Art. II: Free Will*

From this evidence the following is certain: as soon as the Holy Spirit has begun His work of regeneration and renewal in us through the Word and holy Sacraments, we can and should cooperate through His power, although still in great weakness. This cooperation does not come from our fleshly natural powers, but from the new powers and gifts that the Holy Spirit has begun in us in conversion. St. Paul clearly and eagerly encourages that “working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.” But this is to be understood in no other way than the following: the converted person does good to such an extent and as long as God by His Holy Spirit rules, guides, and leads him. As soon as God would withdraw His gracious hand from that person, he could not for a moment keep obeying God...

There is a great difference between baptized and unbaptized people. According to the teaching of St. Paul in Galatians 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ,” and are made truly regenerate. They now have a freed will. As Christ says, they have been made free again [John 8:36]. Therefore, they are able not only to hear the Word, but also to agree with it and accept it, although in great weakness.

We receive in this life only the firstfruits of the Spirit [Romans 8:23]. The new birth is not complete, but only begun in us. The combat and struggle of the flesh against the spirit remains even in the elect and truly regenerate people [Galatians 5:17]. For a great difference can be seen among Christians. Not only is it true that one is weak and another strong in the spirit, but each Christian also experiences differences in himself. At one time he is joyful in spirit, and at another fearful and alarmed. At one time he is intense in love, strong in faith and hope, and at another time he is cold and weak...

This is certainly true: in genuine conversion a change, new emotion, and movement in the intellect, will, and heart must take place. The heart must perceive sin, dread God’s wrath, turn from sin, see and accept the promise of grace in Christ, have good spiritual thoughts, have a Christian purpose and diligence, and fight against the flesh. Where none of these happen or are present, there is no true conversion. But the question is about the effective cause. Who works this in us? How does a person have this? How does he get it? Therefore, this teaching informs us that, since the natural powers of mankind cannot do anything or help toward it (1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 3:5), God, out of His infinite goodness and mercy, comes first to us. He causes His Holy Gospel to be preached. The Holy Spirit desires to work and accomplish this conversion and renewal in us. Through preaching and meditation on His Word God kindles faith and other godly virtues in us. They are the Holy Spirit’s gifts and works alone.